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SUBJ: SUGGESTED NSF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION VISIT

REF: RICHMOND/PARDEE/RURAK CONVERSATIONS

1. SCIATT HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF NSF GROUP COMING TO EGYPT IN LATE SEPT. OR EARLY OCT. FOR PURPOSE OF PRIORITY INVESTIGATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT WITHIN JWG CONTEXT WITH DR. HASSAN ISMAIL, CO-CHAIRMAN USEG/JWGTRD, AND WITH DR. IBRAHIM BADRAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH. (MIN. BADRAN NOW SEEMS TO BE DE FACTO SENIOR COORDINATING OFFICIAL FOR ALL JWG ACTIVITIES.) BOTH MEN FEEL VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL IN CONTEXT OF DEVELOPING PROJECTS WITHIN JWG PRIORITIES, RATHER THAN JUST ADAPTING ONGOING ACTIVITIES, AND ARE WILLING TO ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

2. BOTH ASKED WHAT ARE PRIMARY AREAS OF NSF INTEREST FOR NEW PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND WERE TOLD THAT ONE PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE BROAD AREAS FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND TO GET IDEA OF EGYPTIAN INSTITUTIONAL CAPABILITIES IN THOSE AREAS.

3. SUGGEST THIS VISIT MIGHT BE LINKED TO ALREADY PLANNED NSF WORKSHOP ON SFCP PROGRAM PROCEDURES. ALSO, IN ORDER

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TO ASSIST ISMAIL AND BADRAN IN PLANNING, SOME IDEA OF WHAT NSF'S PRIORITY AREAS OF INTEREST WITHIN JWG, AS DISTINCT FROM SPECIFIC PROJECTS, ARE WOULD BE USEFUL.
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